Insurance cover to women workers in unorganised sectors

†2308. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide financial and health related insurance facilities to the women workers in unorganised sector keeping in view of their miserable economic and health conditions;

(b) if so, the action being taken by Government to make any statutory provision in this regard; and

(c) by when the required arrangements would be made in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government is working to enact 'Unorganised Sector Workers Bill, 2004' to provide for, among other things, social security measures having statutory backing of the workers including women engaged in the unorganised sector in the country. The details of the draft Bill are at the stage of consultation with the concerned authorities. The time-frame for completing the process cannot be indicated at this stage.

Modified VRS for workers of BGML

2309. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposal regarding extension of modified VRS to workers of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) is in advanced stage of consideration by Government;

(b) if so, whether the proposal has been approved; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and tentative date by which the decision would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) A proposal of Ministry of Mines to introduce a Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) for the remaining 3100

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employees of Bharat Gold Mines Limited (BGML) was considered by the Government. However, no final decision in the matter has been taken as yet. It may not be possible to give a tentative date by which a decision will be taken.

Recoveries sought by Kendriya Bhandar

2310. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recoveries have been made on number of items from M/s. DD Enterprises and M/s Pioneer Enterprises, suppliers of Hewlett Packard India Ltd. cartridges in Kendriya Bhandar on account of higher charges for sale to Government Departments.

(b) if so, the details of the recoveries made from them and what action has been taken against them; and

(c) whether suppliers have been black listed/de-registered by Kendriya Bhandar for selling items at higher rates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c): The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Action by Government under Article 309 of the Constitution

2311. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:
SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have so far not framed rules and regulations and Acts under Article 309 of Constitution of India for recruitment and conditions of service of persons serving the Union or a State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and which are the rules regulating the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed to such services and posts until provision is made by or under an Act of the said Article; and